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## **EPA to Hold Public Listening Session in San Francisco on Reducing Carbon Emissions from Existing Power Plants** *Session to be Streamed Live Online*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – As part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will hold a public listening session in San Francisco to solicit input from the public and stakeholders as the EPA develops Clean Air Act guidelines to reduce carbon emissions for existing power plants. Power plants are the nation's largest stationary source of carbon pollution, responsible for about one third of all greenhouse gases in the United States.

Taking steps to cut harmful carbon pollution will move us toward a cleaner, healthier, more stable environment for future generations, while supplying the reliable, affordable energy needed for economic growth. The feedback from this public listening session, as well as written input received by email, will play an important role in helping EPA develop smart, cost-effective guidelines that reflect the latest and best information available.

The Clean Air Act gives both EPA and states a role in reducing air pollution from power plants that are already in operation. The law directs EPA to establish guidelines, which states use to design their own programs to reduce emissions. Before proposing guidelines, EPA must consider how power plants with a variety of configurations would be able to reduce carbon pollution in cost-effective ways.

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 5, 2013  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. PST  
**LOCATION:** U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest Office  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94105

EPA's Regional Administrator, Jared Blumenfeld, and EPA's Region 9 Air Division Director, Deborah Jordan, will be providing brief remarks as context for the day's session at 9:00 am, and again at 1:00 pm.

Due to limited capacity, those planning to provide verbal comments at the session are required to pre-register at: <http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/public-listening-sessions>. When registering, please ensure the check box indicating interest in speaking is selected. Please be prepared for a security check upon entry to this federally-leased building.

Additionally, a live webcast of the session is available for those who cannot attend in person. To register for webcast access, visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/443584954>

EPA encourages the public to submit written input by November 30, 2013 to [carbonpollutioninput@epa.gov](mailto:carbonpollutioninput@epa.gov). The agency will seek additional public input during the notice and comment period after it issues a proposal, by June 2014.

For more information about EPA's carbon pollution standards for the power sector, please visit:  
<http://www2.epa.gov/carbonpollution-standards>

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